



The St. Germain Pear.

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THE TRUE ST. GERMAIN PEAR.

The following account of the true, and spurious varieties of the *St. Germain Pear*, was sent, with some grafts of the true variety, to the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY by Mr. ANDREW KNIGHT; and is copied, by permission, from their Transactions.

“MERLET, who wrote in the latter end of the seventeenth century, has described two varieties of the Pear, which were at that period confounded under the name of the *St. Germain*; and DU HAMEL has admitted the accuracy of MERLET’s account*. These varieties so closely resemble each other, in their wood, their buds, their foliage, and blossoms, that it is impossible to distinguish the one from the other; and there is also much similarity in the external character of their fruit. Both varieties are known in this country; but I have seen one only sent from the nurseries round *London*, and that the inferior or spurious kind: I have, therefore, sent a few grafts of the true *St. Germain*, under the hope that they may prove acceptable to some Members of the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

“The spurious variety ripens in *December*, and the fruit grown

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